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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks are due to Vice President Jess Gillion KF5LUL for chairing both our April 4th Board and General Meetings. These were very productive as can be read in the enclosed minutes. I wish also to thank Past President Herman Campbell KN5GRK for updating our member roster on w5ddl.org and submitting the ARRL Affiliated Club Report on 4/21/13. The roster now shows 77 members in good standing which is down a little from the 84 members listed on the roster in March (prior to 2013 dues deadline). Please catch up on your dues for 2013 if you have not yet had a chance to do so.

The ARRL lists on its web-site some details about affiliated club specialties and services. Acadiana ARA Inc. is an active local club with specialties that include: Digital Modes, General Interest, Public Service/Emergency, Repeaters, School or Youth Group, and VHF/UHF. Our services are listed as: Newsletter, Entry-level License Classes, General and Higher License Classes, Hamfest, Test Sessions, Mentor, On-the-Air Bulletins, and Repeater.

Public Service/Emergency is a specialty area that AARA has made significant progress in this past year thanks to Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Mark Saltzman W5GTI and others. Many of these activities are planned as shown on the 2013 AARA /Lafayette Parish ARES Go-Kit Day and Simplex Net Calendar distributed at the March Hamfest. Just as a little HF contesting can go a long way toward achieving DXCC, it follows that a little VHF contesting could complement AARA's Public Service/Emergency emphasis and also spark interest in VUCC. VUCC is a VHF/UHF certificate awarded by band for confirming QSO's to 100 Maidenhead 2 degree by 1 degree Grids on 50 & 144 MHz and Satellite. On 222 & 432 MHz the requirement is 50 QSL's.

Local ARRL Affiliated Clubs with stations and rovers active within a 35 mile radius compete against each other in the January, June, and September VHF contests. Up to ten logs can be submitted in the "local" club category. For club competition each individual log submitter lists the local club name in the header of the log. One strategy, used in VHF contests by rovers, is to "circle by pack" a Maidenhead grid corner. Ordinarily this strategy is used by big clubs competing as medium sized or larger with a radius of at least 175 miles. The AARA is fortunate to have a grid corner approximately 20 miles South near Lake Peigneur and just North of Delcambre, LA. The grids EM30, EM40, EL39, and EL49 come together at this point. According to Greg Dolan K5LFT the grid corner is located on the farm property of fellow ham Joe Leblanc AB5GC, who is open to having a VHF activity on his property (or on roads encircling nearby).

VHF contesting at the local club level might be a great way to get our newly licensed youth members involved with simple radios such as the dual-band hand talkies (\$60 for Chinese imports). The base points a rover pack will generate from contacting just the other rovers can be calculated from the formula:

Single Band QSO's x Mults = (#Rovers - 1)(16 QSO's)(#Rovers logs)(8 Mults/corner)

Points per Band = (Points/Band-QSO)(Single Band QSO's x Mults)

Total points = add Points for all Bands

Example: #Rovers = 5, 144 MHz = 1 Point/Band-QSO, 432 MHz = 2 Points/Band-QSO

Single Band QSO's x Mults = (5-1)(16)(5)(8) = 2560

144 MHz Band points= 2560 (1)= 2560

432 MHz Band points= 2560 (2)= 5120

Total Base points = 7680

I hope this formula is correct. I developed it myself from reading the contest rules. In addition to the Base points, rovers can earn other points from QSO's with fixed stations and other non-pack rovers. A local club can submit a mixture of fixed station logs and rover logs.

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Who is KF5LUL?

Standing 5 foot 11 inches, weighing in at 160 pounds with dirty blonde hair (what's left of it) it's Jess Gillion a.k.a. Kilowatt Foxtrot 5 Lima United Lima. Born and raised in Georgia. I moved to Louisiana in 2001.

Hailing from a long lineage of ham radio operators, I jumped into the hobby in 2011. Not being trained in electronics, I found the mysteries of ham radio both challenging and exciting. But lucky for me, my public education afforded me basic reading and comprehensive skills. So I hit the web and read all I could about ham radio. After much reading and research I found a local ham radio club, the AARA. I became a member the day I passed my Tech test. I never looked back!

I looked forward to help out with as many events as my busy life schedule would afford. Now, I enjoy checking into the Monday Night Net and enjoy visiting with members at the monthly meeting.

I enjoy talking on the club repeater and gaining wisdom from the folks who have been in this hobby longer than I have been alive. Every time I talk to some of these guys, I learn something new. It sure is a hobby with infinite possibilities.

I look forward to serving as Vice President of the club this year.

If there is anything I can do to help, feel free to email me or catch me on the 146.820 machine.

73,

Jess Gillion

KF5LUL

AARA – Vice President

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DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, May 2nd @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

ARCOS Tailgate Party & Cookout
Saturday May 11, 2013

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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APRIL 2013 AARA MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2013

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA Vice-President Jess Gillion KF5LUL opened the meeting. Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 28 members in attendance and 3 visitors.
- Members introduced themselves and gave their comments on contacts and projects during the last month.

Minutes: The March minutes were not read as they were posted in the April LARC – accepted as written.

Budget: Joy Breaux N5YCS and Rick Breaux N5RLM gave the proposed Budget for 2013-2014. After some discussion about the Refreshments for the meetings; on a motion by Cathy Daigle KD5TJZ, seconded by Paula Romero KF5CNS, it was unanimously approved that the AARA Club will no longer have refreshments after the meetings. We will still have our 2 Banquets.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, spoke about having some safety work done on the Antenna Trailer. On motion by Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, seconded by Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, the Club unanimously approved increasing the budget for AMOS. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, will order the equipment for AMOS.

Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, will purchase the Honda EU2000 Generator for the Club.

The Club approved paying Cathy KD5TJZ, and Danny Daigle KD5JSM, for storing AMOS. Cathy Daigle KD5TJZ, donated the money back to the Club.

On motion by Linda Breaux KE5HSY, seconded by Tom Dischler W5OHJ, the Budget for 2013-2014 was approved. The Financial Reports are not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

It is time to pay dues of \$20.00 for 2013. If you are over 65 you pay only \$10.00.

ARRL Field Day: Field Day this year will be June 22nd -23rd. There was some discussion about whether it should be an Emergency Practice or a regular Field Day. Herman Campbell KN5GRK, gave a few suggestions on possible sites for Field Day from Archie Hill W5AG. We will discuss Chairmanship, type of Field Day and location at the next meeting.

Glen Thibodeaux, KF5FNP spoke about the 2013 AARA/ Lafayette Parish ARES Go-Kit Day and Simplex Net Calendar. The May 10th Go-Kit Day will be at Ed Roy's WA5TNK farm site.

Ed Roy WA5TNK, Lafayette Parish Emergency Coordinator, mentioned that this Hurricane season looks to be above average in activity. He advised that if a Hurricane Category 3, 4 or 5 is heading our way and you live south of Opelousas then you need to evacuate.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, mentioned that the State is trying to get repeaters statewide to link to the State repeaters to form a network in emergency situations. The Club agreed that we could hook up our repeater to the network.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, spoke about the members using HF 80-40 meters for communications locally during an emergency.

Glen also mentioned that the Club at one time had a radio set-up at the Red Cross office on Pat St. The tower is still there. The Club agreed that we may be able to set up a ham radio station at the Red Cross office.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary 2013 - 2014

Flex 3000 - I finally won something!!!

Growing up with 2 older brothers, just about everything in my life has been "hand-me-downs" or gently used. Likewise my first HF rig was a used Yaesu FT-450. When I received it, I was so excited to step into the world of HF. As an introductory radio it served its purpose very well. I quickly hooked it up to Ham Radio Deluxe. This made it much easier to use. Then after some use and experience, I started looking into purchasing a new rig with more features (bells & whistles).

I studied all the radios on the market and looked hard into the Soft Ware Defined Radios (SDR) from Flex. My only concerns with this set up is the fact that computers and software become obsolete so quickly. Also the need of a high performance PC to run the Flex Software can be costly.

Well I ended up getting super lucky! With the purchase of \$20 in raffle tickets at our hamfest I won the Grand Prize, the Flex 3000. A dream come true. Also my first new HF radio. So that makes it special too. Unlike some who win grand prizes and sell them for the cash I actually plan to use this rig for a very long time.

It took me about 2 weeks to build the PC that I wanted to use. I went way over board on the PC, but I have other uses for the PC too. The most difficult thing is to find the proper Fire Wire Card that will play nice with your PC and the Flex software. Once that is resolved the setup is super simple.

My first contact was local ham, Lance Carmichael KF5NZB. He was on call that night for a radio check on 10 meters. His first comment was "it sounds like your real voice". So that was good news! I was off and running. I stayed up late in the night getting it set up and tweaked for me. I am still learning all the features of the Flex. At first it can seem a bit overwhelming, but what in ham radio isn't at first!

I also obtained several pointers from one of the local "Flexperts" Rick Breaux N5RLM. He was able to guide me through a few of the set up and operational loop holes. So thanks, Rick for the help.

As of now, I am still learning more of the features of the Flex. So now I look for more updates on the Flex to come.

Jess Gillion

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ARCOS Tailgate Party & Cookout

Sponsored by Amateur Radio Club
of Shreveport
ARRL Hamfest

Date: Saturday May 11, 2013

Time: Sunup to Sundown ?

Location: Cypress Black Bayou
Recreation Area
Benton, LA 71006

Talk-in: 146.07/146.67 (PL 186.2)

Contact: John Beck KB5LE
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Shreveport, LA 71107
Phone: 318-636-5845
E-mail: kb5le@arrl.net

HEAL NET

The HEAL (Health, Emergency Area Link) Net, normally held on the first and third Fridays of each month, has been discontinued due to the retirement of our Net Control Operator, Larry Leblanc KE5KJD, who normally called the net from the University Medical Center in Lafayette.

We appreciate Larry's dedication over the many years he has called the net from the UMC and wish him well on a job well done promoting amateur radio and working for UMC.

WISCONSINITES Visit Lafayette

By Herman Campbell KN5GRK

Back in 2001, the AARA was setting up for Field Day at Cajun Field. A couple of fellow hams, Cindy KA9PZG and hubby Skip KA9DDN Douglas from Wisconsin were passing by and saw our crew setting up for Field Day. Being a little inquisitive, they decided to check us out. This meeting grew into a great friendship.

Every few years, they pass thru Lafayette on their rounds visiting relatives in Destin, FL and San Antonio, TX and usually come by my QTH for a visit.

They are really a great couple and are very involved with emergency communications and their club in WI.



HAM RADIO - WHAT A GREAT WAY TO MEET PEOPLE AND MAKE FRIENDS !

AARA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - April 4, 2013

MEETING:

- The AARA Vice President Jess Gillion KF5LUL opened the meeting in the absence of our President Archie Hill W5AG. Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Members present were: VP Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Nick Romero KE5MWX, Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Joy Breaux K5YCS, Rick Breaux, N5RLM and Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP. Absent were President Archie Hill W5AG and Abigail Wilson KF5BEW

The Budget for 2013-2014 was reviewed. The budget for AMOS was increased to allow for the Safety upgrade to the antenna trailer.

Funds were also budgeted for the purchase of a Honda EU2000 generator.

Donations to the Red Cross and Salvation Army were increased.

On motion by Nick Romero KE5MWX, seconded and the Board unanimously approved the Budget for 2013-2014.

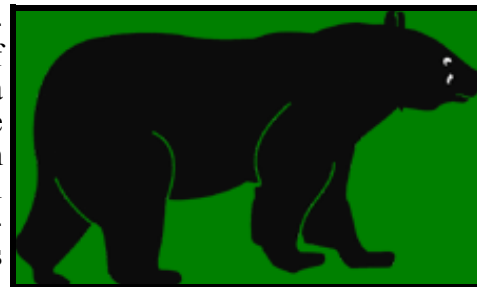
Vice-President Jess Gillion KF5LUL, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary 2013 - 2014



BLACK BEAR SPECIAL EVENT STATION

The Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS) club of Morgan City, Louisiana again held a Special Event Station celebrating the Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival in Franklin, Louisiana on Saturday April 20, 2013 from 1000 to 1700 hours local time operating on 20 & 40 meters and on the W5BMC-R EchoLink.



Pavilion at the Bayou Tech Bears Festival in Franklin, LA where the Special Event was held using the call W5BMC.



Rudy WA5QNH & Paul AE5JU



Mel WD5CAE



Karen Marshall KE5RPI had a display table set up with all of her photos she took on her trip to Australia for the Young Ladies Relay League International Convention in 2012. Quite an impressive collection of photos.

APRIL 2013 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	40	2	87	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	81	2	150	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	5	42	Ø	57	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	4	66	1 passed 2 listed	80	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE				KE5KJD Larry

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
~ John Quincy Adams

SkyWarn Net

On the morning April 24, 2013 at 0722 the SkyWarn Net was activated due a severe weather event crossing southern Louisiana with the possibilities of producing heavy rain, hail, high wind and possible tornados.

The SkyWarn 145.370 repeater was used at first for the net but switched later to the 146.820 machine due to some of the 145.370 receivers having problems. The net was closed at 0845. Ed Roy WA5TNK was the NCS for this session.

Those checking into the net and giving WX observations were: Terry N5QWA (from Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital), Glen KF5FNP, Jess KF5LUL, Charlie KI5XP, Courtney WA5ROY, and Herman KN5GRK.

Other than some heavy rain and moderate wind, the system moved through the area without any reported incidents.



(President's Message from page 1 column 1)

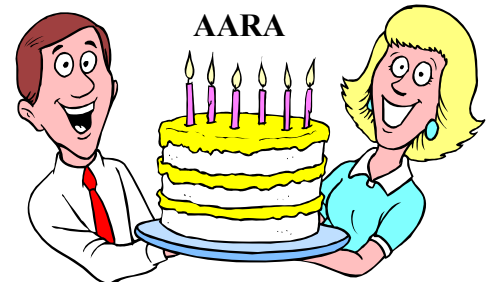
The Bristol (TN) ARC is a local club (83 members) that competes in VHF contests. Some of their recent scores and finishes are given below:

DATE:	SCORE:	LOGS:	FINISH:
Jan 2011	27,904	10	4th
June 2011	83,961	8	8th
Sept 2011	9,808	3	3rd
Jan 2012	47,773	10	1st
June 2012	21,195	4	10th
Sept 2012	11,425	6	3rd

If the AARA could out-compete the Bristol ARC in a VHF contest we would likely then be the Delta Division Winner.

The May 2 AARA meeting will be used to discuss Field Day and we will have a presentation by Roland Guidry NA5Q on his experience with DXCC.

Archie Hill W5AG
AARA President

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

5/6	JOHN	W4JHC
5/11	DEBBIE	KC5VDK
5/19	LINDA	KE5HSY
5/24	DIANE	KD4OLQ
5/26	CHARLIE	KI5XP
5/26	KATHY	KD5TJZ
6/5	KAREN	KE5RPI
6/6	MARK	KE5NTW

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

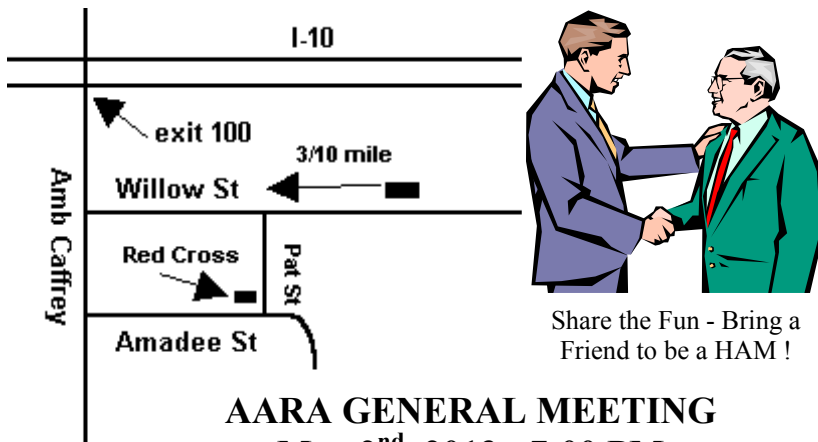


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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

May 2nd, 2013 - 7:00 PM

VE TESTING TONIGHT - 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE



Roasted Pork With Cajun Slaw

Recipe courtesy Food Network Magazine

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| 1 tbs. plus 2 tsp. Cajun seasoning | 2 tsp. Creole or whole-grain mustard |
| 1 tbs. plus 2 tsp. packed light brown sugar | juice of one lemon |
| 1 large pork tenderloin (about 1 1/2 pounds) | 2 tsp. drained horseradish |
| Kosher salt | 1 12 oz. package broccoli slaw mix |
| 2 tsp. extra-virgin oil | 2 small bell peppers (1 red, 1 orange),
thinly sliced |
| 1/2 cup mayonnaise | 3 scallions, thinly sliced |

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Mix 1 tablespoon each Cajun seasoning and brown sugar in a small bowl. Sprinkle the pork with 1/2 teaspoon salt and rub with the sugar-spice mixture. Heat the olive oil in a large ovenproof skillet over medium heat. Add the pork and sear until browned on all sides, about 5 minutes. Transfer to the oven and roast until a thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 145 degrees F, about 18 minutes. Transfer the pork to a cutting board and let rest 5 minutes before slicing.

Meanwhile, make the slaw: Whisk the mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice, horseradish and the remaining 2 teaspoons each Cajun seasoning and brown sugar in a small bowl. Toss the slaw mix, bell peppers and scallions in a large bowl. Add the mayonnaise dressing and toss to coat. Slice the pork and divide among plates. Drizzle with any juices from the skillet. Serve with the slaw.

Send your favorite recipe to: Herman KN5GRK

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FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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